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**PRESS RELEASE**

**JOHN DAVID WAGGONER SENTENCED TO 135 MONTHS IN PRISON ON  
CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES**

U.S. Attorney Anthony J. Jenkins and Special Agent in Charge Manuel Oyola-Torres of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency ("ICE") announced today that John David Waggoner, a 65-year-old resident of Bugby Hole, Christiansted, St. Croix, was sentenced yesterday in the United States District Court for the Virgin Islands, St. Croix Division, to serve 135 months in prison, followed by a lifetime period of supervised release, for receiving and possessing child pornography.

Waggoner pleaded guilty on April 25, 2007, to knowingly receiving and possessing child pornography, and attempting to receive and possess it. The illegal materials included over 100 images and three videos which showed minors engaging in sexually explicit conduct. The images also included sexually

explicit photographs of a two-year old relative who was left in Waggoner's care. The videos and the other sexually explicit depictions of minors were recovered from Waggoner's computer. Waggoner admitted that some of the illegal images depicted minors under the age of 12 and included sadistic or masochistic conduct or other depictions of violence, and that he engaged in a pattern of activity involving the sexual abuse or exploitation of a minor. Additionally, he admitted that he knew the production of such depictions involved the use of one or more actual minors engaging in sexually explicit conduct and that such visual depictions were of such conduct.

This case was prosecuted as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative which the Department of Justice launched in February 2006 to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorneys Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit [www.projectsafechildhood.gov/](http://www.projectsafechildhood.gov/).

The prosecution was handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Denise Hinds and Trial Attorney Jill Trumbull-Harris of the

Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section in the Department of Justice's the Criminal Division. The investigation was conducted by ICE agents in St. Croix.